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KNOCKING OUT THE PEARL BUTTON INDUSTRY.
We all remember the pearl button industry which was established in 1830 under President McKinley. Under a republican protective tariff the business was established in 12 states of which one was Connecticut.

The democratic press ridiculed it, but it grew to a respectable and profitable industry employing 44,000 persons, using 50,000 tons of fresh-water shell, and aggregated a capital of \$30,000,000.

In 1912 our button factories were protected and imported pearl buttons paid a second of 47 1/2 cents in 1913 under democratic free trade the imported buttons amounted in value to \$212,263 with duties amounting to \$91,114—imposed increase 131 per cent; revenue increase but 30 per cent.

Wages paid in America are three times as large as wages paid in England, Bohemia, or Austria and five times the prices paid in Japan.

There are over 100 pearl button factories in Japan and they will soon have most of the pearl button trade. The democratic tariff for revenue only is slowly and surely wiping out the pearl button industry established by republican protection of American labor under McKinley.

BACK TO THE LAND.
England is considering the question of reclaiming her waste lands and increasing her agriculture by sending thousands of her returning soldiers to the country to live and to work.

Mr. Leslie Scott, a member of parliament, in an interview for the London Observer, says concerning this great industrial scheme:

"Immediate legislation is needed. It is idle to think our soldiers will look at wages on anything like the old scale of some of our countries. Within a year of the war ending the government must find the money to build, say, 200,000 rural cottages. To make village life a live thing I think it should be made a statutory duty of every parish council to build a village hall, in which entertainments, serious and frivolous alike, could be given. The cinema is as important as the lecture. And arrangements should be made—and landowners and farmers, I am sure, would be willing to assist—to provide football and cricket fields."

"To the means of providing employment for the men it is impossible to enter in detail. Shortly, it is breaking up the poorer grass land, of which there are millions of acres; reclaiming waste land; and afforestation of the rough, semi-waste land, of which there is so large an amount in the United Kingdom. In these works, in one way or the other, the state must help. State help is also wanted for starting agricultural industries like the making of beet sugar, and starch and alcohol from potatoes. If these things were done employment could easily be found for another 300,000 or 400,000 in agriculture."

This is a big problem, and if carried through, it will mean an improvement in the health and spirit of the working classes of Great Britain. This back-to-the-land scheme means a better and more dependable citizenship.

GOOD ROAD DAYS BY PROCLAMA-TION.
Good roads are something every town should be ambitious to attain, and maintain; but as a rule here in New England towns are not ashamed of the poorest roads.

The poorest piece of road in three counties is within Norwich city limits in the direction of Preston City, and the town of Preston has roads from which last year's ruts and gulleys have not been removed, when two men and a horse could fix them up in a day.

Old Missouri has to be shown, but in methods of keeping up her roads she is able to show us. Gov. Major says that state is about to issue his third

annual proclamation setting two days when all the farmers in the state shall repair and work on the roads.

We have fine days, and mother days, all very pleasurable and enjoyable, but why should we not set aside time for two good road days a year in every town in New England? These would be serviceable days, and add to our good repute with all strangers who travel this way.

Can't we accomplish some good things when the money for them is not forthcoming.

THE WIRELESS.
It is not so many years ago that the first Marconiogram was received with a smile and not regarded as at all serious as a competitive menace to the cable companies of the world.

Today the wireless telegraph company includes four great organizations covering most of the civilized world. The war has broken up its Belgian system, but has increased the receipts from all the entente countries. The Russian company declared a dividend of 15 per cent.

The general reserve fund reached \$1,837,600 last year, an increase of half a million; and the net profit was \$1,889,000, an increase over the profits of 1915 of \$725,000.

Its use has resulted in the saving of thousands of lives, and property to the value of millions.

There is considerable work in certain parts of the world, but which it has been impossible to do in consequence of the war; on the other hand, we have had some compensation by having many orders for goods at home and from allied countries. In particular, we have done considerable business with the admiralty, and nothing could have been more agreeable than the orders received from the company and that department."

THE MILITIAMEN AT NOGALES.
Nogales, Arizona, ought to be neutral territory but it isn't. The boundary line of Mexico runs its course down a street in the middle of the place, and the story has been told that squads of Connecticut national guardsmen have accidentally invaded Mexico several times since they have been in camp there.

Mexico has more dust than is needed and as much heat as can be borne; a poorer currency than the world has any use for, and a constituency as uncertain as a lot of Turks. It is not inviting to man or beast, and as the dustless duster it stands no show there for everything is covered with a new layer of dust every day; a vacuum sweeper cannot keep the dust down, and an American woman would die of dirt and nervous prostration there in a week.

The national guardsmen are aware of what they are up against, and they are not to blame for yearning for a fight, for if they lay waiting and watching they may be buried alive in a sand storm.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
By the breaking of the one will a million more drops into Gifford Pinchot's lap.

One cent postage sounds good; but an efficient postal service at any price is what is needed.

Canada has enlisted 250,657 men for the war, one in five of her fighting population.

Carranza is great for saying nothing is to be done for doing nothing. There's a pair for you.

The beaches belong to the people, but the signs to keep off the beach are ever becoming more numerous.

The railroad managements claim the demand for increased wages will increase freight charges 3 per cent.

When he hears the cries for help from Panama or Germany the president declines to throw out a lifeline.

The democrats are on the verge of their wool-pulling campaign. They hope to pull wool over the eyes of the people.

Jonah was the first submarine sailor; but he had so little to do with running the whale that he made the big fish sick.

The Deutschland does not appear to be in a great hurry to get away from Copenhagen bay. The game is extra hazardous.

It is not probable that the mayor of Haverhill will have to pay the \$300 fine for not enforcing the anti-rail law.

The man on the corner says: "We have a city government now that believes in traffic regulations and will enforce them."

The prisoners are coming in to the Allies in such numbers as to arouse the suspicion that they are becoming weary of war and its uncertainties.

The claim that "Wilson kept us out of war" will catch peace-at-any-price men, but it spread abroad the impression that America is an easy prey.

The way the soldiers from the east are assaulting red-headed Texas warblers on the Mexican border shows they have lost none of their valor.

However the great European war may end, it does not seem to have any future. The Germans are likely to take her and the entente allies to break her.

Most anything seems good to an elevator boy who has been going up and down in a cage for a year or two. A front line trench would look attractive to him.

Germany imported \$26,000,000 worth of food stuff the year preceding the war. Even Judge Nippert cannot deny it is a great trait to Germany to get along without it.

The minister who called a man who couldn't remember the Ten Commandments a poor coat could not have had a better opinion of the man blind to the contribution box.

The railway managers inform us the American people pay for rail transportation \$3,000,000,000 a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from them goes to the employees. The employees want that made a half-dollar.

DRESSED TO PLEASE HER HUSBAND

Before John had read an article on dress reform, he had thought his wife the most attractive woman in the world. After reading the article and pondering it, he decided that some things were all wrong, at least in his wife's case. He was concerned. Also, he resolved that he would make his wife's dress reform. Therefore it was with just a hint of severity that he opened the subject on the evening following his perusal of the article.

"Miriam," said he, "I have been thinking a good deal about the way the modern woman dresses."

Miriam looked up from her sewing with a tender smile. Secure in the consciousness of perfection in her husband's eyes, she could afford to be generous with the faults of other women.

"Yes," she replied, encouragingly. "And I've come to the conclusion that these thin, bloused, these low necks and short sleeves, are immodest. And high heels are injurious to the health. They throw the weight of the entire body onto the ball of the foot and the pressure reacts upon the nerves in such a way as to hurt the eye."

"Goodness, John," laughed Miriam, "where did you get all those ideas? You're reading Tomahawk, aren't you?"

"Yes, I have. And I agree absolutely with what I have read. Women's clothes are all wrong, and I am going to dress as I see fit. I want my wife to look like a woman—not a public school teacher, and I shall insist upon no more high heels or low necks. The other things you may use your discretion. I shall expect to see something next week. I shall expect to see a radical change. And I am sure you will agree with me, you have tried out my ideas."

Miriam's eyes twinkled mischievously. "You don't mean to say you have tried out my ideas?"

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Next morning Miriam telephoned to three friends who were supposed to be at John's elab. They met at Miriam's for luncheon, and there was much to be said about the new dress reform. John's wife was a bit of a humorist, and that night at dinner John again congratulated himself upon the result of his wife.

"You do, don't you, John," she said, "and some shoes?"

"Good," he said, "John as he carved the table, and he said, 'Well, dear, I don't like your new dress. It's a bit too blue, but nice quality. I can't show you because it is being altered. And I had to get some new heels on it. You don't like my thin ones. I shall have them all tomorrow. Couldn't you have them in time for dinner some day?'"

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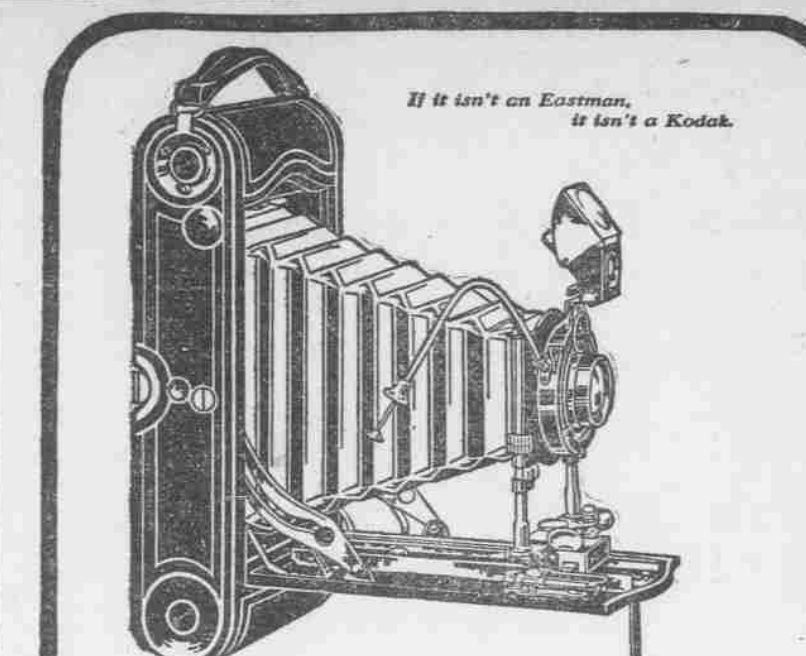
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they may be kept away on account of the quarantine.

What a joke—the comparison of Weybosset or some other busy thoroughfare of a city like Providence with a street like Main street in Norwich? Comedy for the gods! Norwich has a lot of comedians, and perhaps some of them are in the streets of this subject will bring many of them to the front.

One letter writer, Mr. Landon, seems to be especially interested in Volunteering. Perhaps he is in hopes that some day Norwich may be as busy as Volunteering.

It would look good to most of us to see a line of automobiles along the streets of Norwich. The city has a lot of blank empty space which Norwich seems to have had so much of for so long a period of years. Would that there was a string of automobiles from one end of Main street to the other! Then we would really think it was a city of some consequence.

Instead of wasting time on traffic rules, why not get busy and fix up the streets? The city has a lot of blank empty space which Norwich seems to have had so much of for so long a period of years. Would that there was a string of automobiles from one end of Main street to the other! Then we would really think it was a city of some consequence.

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allowed to sour. The skin is blown full or air, the opening tied up, and it is hung on a tripod of sticks and shaken back and forth by two women until the butter is formed.

OTHER VIEW POINTS
There is such a thing as making too much of dog days. And the weather man seems to be in a fair way of doing it.—Ansonia Sentinel.

The conservative citizen who would enjoy a Sunday automobile ride during a period of about three hours beginning at 2 a. m., when the highways are comparatively free from joy riders.—Meriden Journal.

Now that President Wilson has filed the one hundred and thirty-third court by the appointment of Judge Clarke of Ohio, we confidently expect to see the Taft senators' bones in some long and narrow space.—Hartford Times.

Having trouble fighting the nettles in your garden? Eat them. The London Chronicle says that nettles are a first class food for spinners and hand and other thrifty countries where the high cost of living isn't allowed to get so independent as it does here. Nettles are used as a source of food.—Waterbury Republican.